

Remarks

The Official Action rejected claims 1-13, 15-29, and 32 and objected to claims 30, 31, and 33-37. Applicant has amended the independent claims 1, 13, and 25 based on the allowed claims 30 and 31. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 13, 15-18, 23-27, 29, and 32-37 remain pending. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims in light of the amendments made to the independent claims based on the previously identified allowed claims 30 and 31.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 30, 31, and 33-37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has elected to rewrite independent claims 1, 13 and 25 to include the limitations of the previously identified allowable claims 30 and 31.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities, which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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